

New Bills Would Affect Moral Climate

State

By J. Clark Hensley

Among the bills being proposed during this session of the Mississippi State Legislature are those affecting church-state relations, alcohol sales, tax clarification for church property, divorce and compulsory school attendance.

Affecting Church Schools and Colleges:

Senate Bill 2124 (Wright) and House Bill 298 (Burkes) are re-runs from the past two or three years of seeking tuition assistance grants to students attending private colleges and universities. The gifts would not exceed 25 percent of the average pupil appropriation of public institution students. These bills have similar possible church-state implications as those of last year.

SB 2041 (Cassibry) would exclude public, private, and church related kindergartens from registering under proprietary school and college registration law.

HB 77 (Pierce) would provide financial aid in parochial schools up to \$240 per year for orphans from first grade through high school.

SB 2062 (Cassibry) would provide for compulsory education in accredited public, parochial, or private schools. A number of others have introduced similar bills providing for compulsory school attendance.

Taxing of Churches:

HB 268 (Richardson) would extend property tax exemption to include parking lots, activity buildings and playgrounds, and dwellings furnished by the church

to staff members.

HB 244 (Richardson) would allow sales tax exemption for Bibles and Religious Literature. Three bills have been introduced

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concerning "privileged communication" between persons seeking spiritual counsel and the clergyman. HB 277 (Burkes) and HB 275 (Richardson) and a senate bill by Pickering all say substantially the same thing, advocating that information considered confidential may be legally treated as such.

HB 138 (Clark 16th) reads: "Any school supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds may provide for

the voluntary participation of prayer during, before or after any class period. Any student wishing not to participate may leave the room while such activity is being conducted." It would seem this is a privilege students have without provision for it. The only praying that has been declared unconstitutional is prayer prescribed by the school or the school board. As long as it is voluntary and student, no school or teacher, initiated, it is already legal. It is only the official provision for prayer that has been declared unconstitutional in the opinion of this writer.

Alcohol Related Matters: Perhaps most significant is the support of several legislators for the provision of state funds for alcoholism services. The funds would come from a 5-cent tax on each bottle of distilled spirits or

wine of one-half pint or larger (does not apply to beer). This revenue would be earmarked "Alcoholism Treatment, Rehabilitation and Prevention Fund."

HB 233 (Mabry) defines the crime of homicide while operating a vehicle while intoxicated, making the felony punishable upon conviction by confinement in the penitentiary for not less than ten or more than twenty years and the person not eligible for parole until one half of the term has been served.

SB 2117 would eliminate the prohibition against consumption of alcoholic beverages in or adjacent to pool or billiard rooms but would make unlawful for the owner, manager or any employee of any pool room to knowingly permit in or about the room or place any betting on any game played on the tables therein.

HB 161 (Lynn) would establish a treatment and education facility for drug abuse first offenders.

The Mississippi Divorce Law would be amended by two proposals. SB 2074 (Tucker, Dye) would add to the twelve causes for divorce now allowed, the "Thirteenth. (1) Irreconcilable differences between the par-

ties which are impossible to remedy thereby resulting in a complete breakdown of the marriage. (2) "Irreconcilable differences" shall mean those grounds which are determined by the court to be substantial reasons for not continuing the marriage and which make it appear that the marriage should be dissolved."

HB 39 (Morrow) would clarify the meaning of habitual cruel and inhuman treatment as "It shall be no impediment to a divorce on this cause that the offended spouse did not leave the marital domicile or separate from the offending spouse on account of such treatment; nor shall it be necessary to such cause that the habitual cruel and inhuman treatment be to a degree that adversely affects the health of the offended spouse."

SB 2003 (Smith) would regulate smoking in public places. According to the proposed bill, "public place" means any enclosed, indoor area used by the general public or serving as a place of work, including but not limited to restaurants, retail stores, offices and other commercial establishments, public conveyances, educational facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, etc. (Continued on page 2)

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Bicentennial Program

Ford, Swor To Speak During SBC At Norfolk

NORFOLK (BP) — President Gerald R. Ford has tentatively accepted an invitation to speak at the afternoon session on the opening day of the 119th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention Tuesday, June 15.

Dr. Chester Swor of Jackson also will be a program participant. "The Committee on Order of Business regards the invitation to President Ford as highly appropriate in the Bicentennial year," said R. G. Puckett of Lutherville, Md., committee chairman. "His

address will be non-partisan and in keeping with the theme of our convention," added the editor of the Maryland Baptist, who noted that Ford's acceptance is subject to cancellation depending on national priorities.

The agenda for the annual meeting of the nation's largest Protestant body, June 15-17 at the Norfolk Scope Convention Center, will center around a theme of "Let the Church Stand Up."

More than 16,000 persons from across the nation are expected to

register for the convention, which has more than 12.6 million members in 34,734 churches in 50 states. In Miami Beach last June, 16,421 registered.

Spots have been reserved on the program for interpretation of the theme. James L. Sullivan, retired head of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, will speak on "The Church and Biblical Authority;" Bailey Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dell City, Okla., "Let the Church Stand Up in Today's World;"

Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., "The Church and Religious Liberty;" Alton McEachern, pastor First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C., "The Church and the Redemption of the Family;" Foy Valentine, executive secretary, SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville, "The Church and National Righteousness;" H. Edwin Young, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, S.C., "The Church and a Clean America;" Chester E. Swor, retired Baptist student worker of Jackson, Miss., "Let the Church Stand Up with a Clear Vision to Its Youth;" and Walter P. Shurden, professor of church history, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., "The Church and Personal Integrity."

Other speakers include Virginia (Continued on page 3)

Scissors And Prayer Used To Open New Hospital

The new Mississippi Baptist Medical Center — a 600-bed facility representing an investment of \$35 million — was dedicated Sunday with scissors and prayer.

Armed with surgical scissors, some 30 program participants, including past and present members of the center's board of trustees, cut a 50-foot-long blue ribbon.

Several hundred persons witnessed the hour-long dedication ceremony in the lobby of the new building, and most went on tours of the facility after the dedication.

J. W. Underwood, president of the board of trustees, who presided, said the new medical center was a "vast undertaking" and he thanked everyone who helped.

Zach T. Hederman, board president from 1970 through 1975 — the

six-year planning and construction period — told the assembly: "Moving into this center is the culmination of the dreams, prayers, plans, generosity, leadership, love, dedication and devotion of many thousands of Mississippians."

Hederman said there had been "over 30 major expansions" of Mississippi Baptist Hospital since the first building was opened Thanksgiving Day, 1914.

"Ground was broken three years ago, on a cold December day in 1972, with an estimated completion date of December 1975. Despite hot and cold weather, rain, strikes, some delays in the delivery of equipment and materials, the building was completed only one month later than the original completion date."

Paul J. Pryor, executive direc-

tor of the center, estimated 7,000 persons had toured the seven-floor structure in special "Open House" tours which began Sunday, Jan. 18.

The tours included surgical, emergency-room, intensive-care and coronary-care facilities which the public cannot view once a hospital building opens.

Between today and Sunday, Feb. 1, hospital personnel will prepare department areas for the Feb. 1 transfer of over 300 patients from the old hospital.

Lt. Gov. Evelyn Gandy was among the guests seated on a platform in the lobby. Also representing the state were Ernest Moss and Charles O'Neal, executive director and assistant, respec-

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Paul J. Pryor, administrator of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, (upper photo) addresses the gathering at the dedication ceremonies Sunday of the new \$35 million center. In the lower photo the ribbon is cut to officially open the new medical center. Heading the line of ribbon cutters are, left to right, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive director, and Zach T. Hederman, board president from 1970 through 1975.

Evangelism Conference At Broadmoor Feb. 2-4

Five out-of-state personalities filling speaking roles Feb. 2-4 during the Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference will be Dr. Peter McLeod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas; Dr. Roy Edgemon, evangelism consultant with the Home Mission Board's Evangelism Section; Dr. S. M. Lockridge, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, Calif.; and Dr. Huber Drumwright, dean of the School of Theology of Southwestern Seminary.

The conference will be held at Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, beginning on Monday evening and closing at noon on Wednesday. On Tuesday evening the conference session will be held at Mississippi College.

The out-of-state speakers will join a group of Mississippi pastors, a director of missions, and a college president. They are Dr. W. Levon Moore, director of missions for Atlanta Association; Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of (Continued on page 3)



Tower Named For Sullivan

The administration tower of the Sunday School Board has been named in honor of recently-retired president James L. Sullivan, who served the institution as chief executive officer from 1953 to February, 1975. Shown with Dr. and Mrs. Sullivan at a brief ceremony unveiling a plaque for "The James L. Sullivan Administration Tower" is Raymond Langlois, chairman of the Sunday School Board's trustees and pastor of Judson Baptist Church, Nashville.

Bicentennial Bible Conference Scheduled March 29-30 In Jackson

A Mississippi Bicentennial Bible Conference sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be held March 29 and 30 at First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said the program will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday and adjourn on Tuesday evening. Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department of the Con-

vention Board, will be the conference director.

Rev. Cummings said the theme of the conference will be "What the Bible Says About..." Six speakers in general sessions will complete the theme statement from as many perspectives.

Dr. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., will speak on "People." The subject for Dr. William Hull, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., will be "Speaking in Tongues." Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will speak on "Angels." Dr. Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., and president of the South-

ern Baptist Convention, will have the subject, "... Resurrection." Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, the largest of Southern Baptist churches, will discuss the theme from the perspective of "... a Christian Citizen in a Secular World." Dr. Donald Ackland, an author and teacher and former editor for the Sunday School Board, will have the subject, "... Devils and Demons."

In addition, Rev. Cummings said, there will be Old Testament and New Testament book studies with choices for those in attendance. Outlines of all conferences will be given free to those who attend, he notes.

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Baptist World Alliance Day Message

February 1, 1976

Greetings to Baptist Christians Throughout the World. We observe Baptist World Alliance Day in our hearts, in our homes, in our churches. Individually and in unison we praise God for his great gifts and pray for his guidance and strength as we seek to serve him.

Our Baptist people live in 141 countries across the face of the earth. In some countries our numbers are strong. In other lands

Title Changes Effectuated

WMU OK's Mission Study, Campus BYW Promotion

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Plans for church-wide missions education and prayer for a return to promotion of Baptist Young Women's work on college campuses were approved here by the executive board of Woman's Missionary Union.

The WMU, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, also voted in its annual promotion meeting to hold a national Acteens Conference for girls in 1979 and changed the title of its chief executive and two other officers.

Besides the church-wide missions education study, which would come during the SBC's emphasis on "Bold Missions," 1977-78, the executive board also approved the 1977-78 WMU Dated Plan. The dated plan is a 500-page document detailing every special and regular activity on the WMU calendar for that year.

Most new projects relate to the two-year denominational emphasis on missions for 1977-78. "Mission Night Out" is a plan the WMU and the SBC Brotherhood Commission will sponsor to involve a wide segment of church members in mission study.

WMU will also sponsor church-wide prayer retreats and a prayer partnership project in support of "Bold Missions" in April 1978. For the first time, WMU set specific dates for church-wide study of Home and Foreign Mission Graded Series books and suggested that the study be pastor-promoted or taught by the pastor, backed by WMU and Brotherhood.

During the emphasis on "Bold Missions," WMU and the Home Mission Board will pilot a program to place groups of trained Acteens (girls in grades 7-12) in home mission situations. These short-term volunteer workers will conduct an informal pilot program in the summer of 1976.

WMUs of South Carolina, North Carolina, California, and Texas will sponsor the pilot program. Following the pilot program, WMU and the Home Mission Board will finalize the plans.

WMU involvement in "North Central Missions Thrust," a special project for strengthening and increasing Baptist churches in North Central states, was outlined

by the WMU board. Plans include missions tours, prayer projects, mission action training, and teaming of North Central states with other states for special training and praying activities.

In approving the Dated Plan, WMU reinforces its earlier decision to back a \$28 million goal for the 1977 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and \$13 million goal for the 1978 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

The 1977-78 Dated Plan will be based on a second year of WMU concentration on teaching missions.

WMU authorized the promotion of campus organizations immediately, but said that detailed programs would not be developed for another year. WMU personnel will work with student ministries personnel in designing the plans.

The WMU board set July 24-28, 1979, in Kansas City, Mo., for the third National Acteens Confer-

ence. "The huge turnout for the second such conference, held last summer in Memphis, indicated that we should host such a gathering at least once in every Acteens generation," Miss Weatherford said.

Miss Weatherford's title was changed from executive secretary to executive director by executive board action, effective immediately. The title change also affected Catherine B. Allen, now assistant to the executive director for public and employee relations, and June Whitlow, now assistant to the executive director for planning and research.

The board also renamed the WMU promotion department, consisting of consultants for each of the WMU age level organizations. The department will return to a formerly used name, field service department.

"Studiact," the Acteens individual achievement plan, will be revised in 1977-78. The board instructed WMU staff to adjust activities and time requirements.



Moore



Tinnin



Street



Nobles



Stewart

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Mississippi College; Dr. Beverly Tinnin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Meridian; Dr. James Street, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wiggins; and Rev. William Stewart, pastor of First Baptist Church, Eupora.

Congregational singing will be under the direction of Edwin McNeely, Tom Larrimore, J. B. Betts, Tommy Spigener, and Nan Grantham. Instrumentalists will be Janet Erwin and Edwin Sud-

duh for most of the sessions with Naomi Muncie and Billy Hubbard handling those assignments at Mississippi College.

Special music will be presented by the Mississippi Singing Churchmen and Mississippi Singing Women; the music ministers at Broadmoor Baptist Church; Rita Wood; R. L. and Beth Sigrest; Tom Larrimore and his daughter, Jan; Larry Miller; the Singing Choctaws of Mississippi College; J. B. Betts; William Welch and Myrna Loy Hed-

gepeth. J. M. Wood is minister of music at Broadmoor Church, and Jack Lyall is director of the Singing Choctaws.

Rev. Roy Collum is director of the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

A nursery will be available for the sessions at Broadmoor Baptist Church. Rev. Collum said. Dr. David Grant is pastor of the church.

New Bills Would

(Continued from page 1) ing homes, auditoriums, arenas, and meeting rooms. The measure excludes private, enclosed offices occupied exclusively by smokers even though such offices may be visited by nonsmokers.

Among other bills of general interest introduced are bills to provide for public kindergartens, lower the age of majority to 18, define offense of being under influence of controlled substance, pass school bonds by a majority vote, to provide for all state and municipal elections to be held on Saturday, regulate massage parlors, and to consider alimony as taxable income.

More than usual interest is being taken in citizenship matters in the Bicentennial Year and the beginning of a gubernatorial era adds to the interest in Mississippi. Christian citizens should exchange views with their elected representatives and senators on these matters of concern.

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There will be five special conferences on Tuesday night. They will be on Priesthood of all Believers, The Atonement, Sanctification, Perseverance, and Justification.

Dr. Dehoney, Dr. Paschall, and Dr. Criswell are all former presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Hull was dean of the School of Theology and provost at Southern Seminary before he accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Shreveport.

SEOUL, Korea — Over 400 people representing seven churches participated in the first Seoul Music Festival held recently in the Seoul Memorial Baptist Church. During the music festival, which sported the theme "Praise the Lord with Heart and Spirit," each choir presented two musical numbers and participated in the final massed choir selection directed by Southern Baptist music missionary Major C. McDaniel Jr. One of four area festivals planned for this year, the event was sponsored by the Baptist Music Department of the Korea Baptist Mission.

Shortly Before Her Death

Olanders Deed \$50,000 Property To Mississippi Baptist Foundation

On December 19, 1975, Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Olander deeded to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation a tract of land near Tchula, Mississippi. For some time they had repeatedly discussed this and determined that they wanted a part of their estate to be given to the Baptist Foundation as a perpetual support for the Lord's work. Brother Olander, a retired pastor, has been a friend to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation throughout its entire history and was instrumental in convincing Mississippi Baptists of the need for a foundation and took the matter to the floor of the Convention in trying to persuade Mississippi Baptists to establish a Baptist Foundation.

Just a few days after the land was deeded to the Foundation, Mrs. Olander, the former Dollie Harman, died, on December 27, 1975.

Brother Olander states, "The twofold purpose of this gift — one, that the Word of God shall be proclaimed and second, that the proclaimers shall be helped in preparing for the proclamation — were worked out before Mrs. Olander realized that her Lord's summons was so near. Yet through this trust she will continue the work she did so unselfishly in life."

In keeping with the plans and agreements with a proposed purchaser of the property deeded to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, the property was sold for \$50,000.00. With this amount the Dollie Harman and Carl Joseph Olander Trust was established. The total earned income from the trust is to be distributed at least annually and divided equally between:

1. MISSION CAUSES — \$1,000.00 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, \$400.00 for the Annie Armstrong Offering, and \$200.00 for the State Mission Offering. Any balance of the mission share of the earned income is to be added to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

2. EDUCATIONAL CAUSES — \$1,000.00 to the Student Revolving Fund at Mississippi College, \$400.00 to the Student Revolving Fund at Clarke College, and \$200.00 to the Student Work Fund at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Any balance of the educational share of the earned income is to be for student scholarships at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Olander was the former Dollie Harman. Born near Sallis, Ms. in Attala County, April 2, 1908, she moved to Tchula on January 1, 1927, as the wife of William McMurtry Unger. In 1932 Mr. Unger, deacon and treasurer at Tchula Baptist Church, died, and Mr. Olander, then pastor at



Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Olander

Tchula, conducted his funeral service.

On August 8, 1954, Mrs. Unger became the wife of Rev. C. J. Olander. She held a record for the longest continuous membership at Tchula Baptist Church, serving there as Sunday School teacher, president and director of Woman's Missionary Union, and in other positions.

Mrs. Olander's earliest church membership was in New Hope Lutheran Church, which Mr. Olander says "really influenced her life." He states, "She loved her Lord, missions, her church, her loved ones and her friends. Her entire life was dominated by the love of Christ."

Rev. Clayton C. Bath, Tchula pastor, and Rev. Ivor L. Clark, chaplain, American Legion, conducted her funeral service.

Man And Boy Rallies

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lence, and information. One of the entertainment highlights of several of these rallies will be the talented Dr. Loyd Corder. He is a native of New Mexico and is director of the Division of Associational Services of the Home Mission Board. Dr. Corder's use of ventriloquism fascinates adults and children alike. He uses a wooden dummy, "Joe the Baptists," to great advantage in getting his message to people.

Dr. Corder loves people. His fluency in Spanish makes him equally at home in North, Central, and South America. He is an instrument rated pilot and

uses his own plane for efficient travel.

Rev. Mel Craft, pastor of Tyler-town Baptist Church and Dr. P. A. Michel, pastor of First Church, Brookhaven, will be two of the inspirational speakers who will be heard. Other program personalities will be announced at a later date.

A "man and boy type" supper will be served at host churches. These rallies are usually well attended, so reservations should be made early at the church of your choice by men and boys planning to attend. Cost of the meal is \$1.50 per person. Rally to the call!

Human Relations Workshop Asks Searching Questions

Rev. Raymond Harvey, pastor, Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church, Tuskegee, Alabama, asked, "Whose neighbor am I," in speaking on the Parable of the Good Samaritan in one of his messages last week before the Human Relations Workshops week in Jackson and Meridian.

Mrs. J. H. Street of Newton reflected the concern of approximately 300 participants when she prayed, "Our Father, we have come here today because we want to be more effective Christians." Concerning the familiar story of the Good Samaritan, Rev. Harvey suggested that Jesus was demonstrating that love is the key to being a neighbor. He suggested that Paul defined love by what it does never saying what it is. He said the man in the story asked the wrong question in asking "Who is my neighbor?" because every human being has his moment of need when he can only get help from someone else; therefore, every man stands potentially a neighbor to every other man. "The question," he said, "needs to be 'Whose neighbor am I?'"

Rev. Harvey's other two devotional messages centered around the 15th chapter of Luke's Gospel concerning the gospel to the disinherited. He stated, "Self righteousness can blind you. You may go into the far country of bad attitudes, though the distance may not be any more than up the stairs or into the bedroom or even before the television set. In the church, some people refuse to share themselves with their fellow church members. They only nod to those in their own range of 'nod-dom.' Everyone, no matter how poor, should have a fatted calf, which is a symbol of giving your best to those whom you love or come within the shadow of your hospitality. The younger son in the parable was the child in need of redemption. And as the father welcomed his son, so God welcomes those who would return to Him."

Dr. Welton C. Gaddy, Director of Christian Citizenship Development, Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, speaking on "Christian Patriotism or Civil Religion," made the following statements:

"Patriotism is a healthy dimension of Christian citizenship and neither out of date nor inappropriate. Simply stated, patriotism is love for the nation. A loyal patriot works to strengthen what is good in government and to change what is bad. Christian patriotism involves a compassion for the nation which is consistent, objective, and honest. Government is respected but not worshiped. Participation in civil affairs is motivated by faith but not equated with faith. Church and state are kept separate institutionally while Christianity and politics interact in the lives of individuals.

"Through the years, religious truths and national concerns have been so intermingled as to form a kind of cultural faith or civil religion.

"Christian patriots today need to teach and then demonstrate that diversity is not detrimental to life, that problems are overcome by seeking solutions and not scapegoating, and that honest criticism is the proper stance of love.

Southern Baptist work with 33 ethnic groups. Forty-seven percent of the population in the United States in the 1970 census stated that they were of ethnic groups. Three percent of the population of Mississippi, with 45,000 people, are included. "We must be aware of their presence," Dr. Lewis stated, "and recognize that to be different is not to be wrong; and we must try to make our color blindness into technicolor. Our strategy with the gospel is to reach all people for Christ. The Home Mission Board technique is to seek to train leadership among the ethnic groups and to get some input from the ethnic groups back to the agencies and boards and conventions that we may have acceptable program for them."

Rev. Rodney Webb, Associate, Cooperative Mission Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, challenged the workshop participants with the needs of 150,000 Mississippians who have impaired hearing, stating that all races and socio-economic groups are affected. He asserted that churches must become aware and accept the deaf persons in their families and offer in the churches an opportunity for involvement and exposure to the gospel.

The afternoon session each day was given to a discussion of "The Many Faces of Prejudice," led by Dr. James Porch, pastor, Northside Baptist Church, Clinton. Dr. Porch approached the subject in the way of a confession as to his own pilgrimage with prejudice such as economic, social, racial, religious, educational and other bias he has known. The participants were led in a discussion toward discovering coping techniques to deal with prejudice.

The twin workshops were sponsored by the Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, and the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists and the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



Mississippi Baptist Medical Center Board of Trustees

Scissors, Prayer Used To Open New Hospital

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tively, of the Mississippi Commission on Hospital Care. Mayor Russell C. Davis and Commissioner Tom Kelly represented the city. Mayor Davis said, "It's a tremendous day for all of us to realize that this facility now exists to serve this generation and generation to come."

Dr. Ellis M. Moffitt, chief of the medical center's medical staff, said the new facility "will expand our ability to provide better medical care."

Borrowing the "Gallant Lady" label pinned on the old hospital by Baptist lay-leader and writer Chester Swin in a recent essay honoring its 65 years of service, center administrator Paul J. Pryor told the audience:

"The Gallant Lady has earned her respect in the community. And in this new facility, we will show a continuing Christian concern and hope to live up to our slogan, which is 'Christian Concern in Action.'"

Dr. W. Douglas Huggins, executive secretary-treasurer emeritus of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the medical center's parent organization since 1911, said in his prayer of dedication:

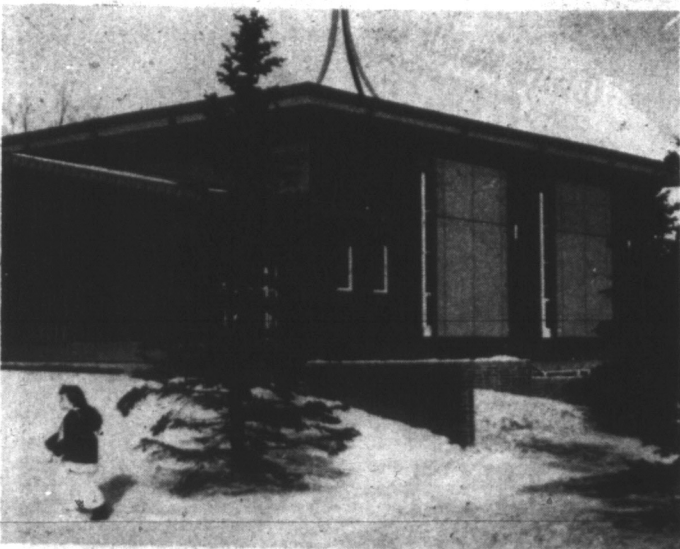
"We dedicate not only these physical facilities but we re-dedicate ourselves — physicians, nurses, technologists, spiritual ad-

visors, service personnel, orderlies, aides and clerical staff — to a performance of our individual tasks in such a spirit as may continuously emanate a real, Saviour-like, Christian concern, to the end that every person who is served by this medical center shall receive ministry to the spirit as well as to the body."

Rev. Vernon May, Madison, a member of the hospital board since 1948, expressed the hope that "the doors of this healing institution may always be open to those who have physical pain and mental agony. May they find a warmth of spiritual ministry that will help in relieving such pain."

Baxter Wilson, who directed the institution's \$2 million capital funds drive that year, and introduced, as were representatives of the two architectural firms (Elmer Architects of St. Paul, Minn. and Barlow and Plunkett of Jackson) and the construction firm (Turner Construction Co. of Cincinnati) for the project.

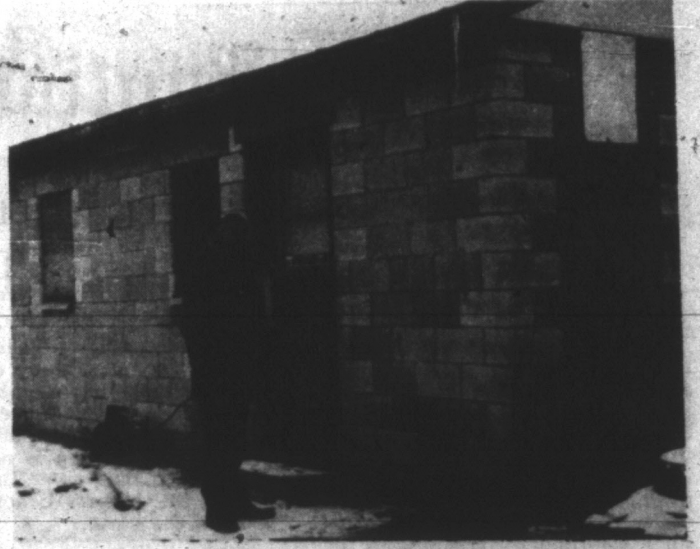
Also introduced were Medical Center Associate Directors Michael C. Wilkinson and Earl W. Eddins and the medical center's chief orderly, Bill Hunt, who, with over 45 years service, has the longest span of continuous employment of any of the center's 1200 employees.



Brenda, the daughter of Pastor Eddie Neese, walks through the snow in front of West Side Church in Great Falls.



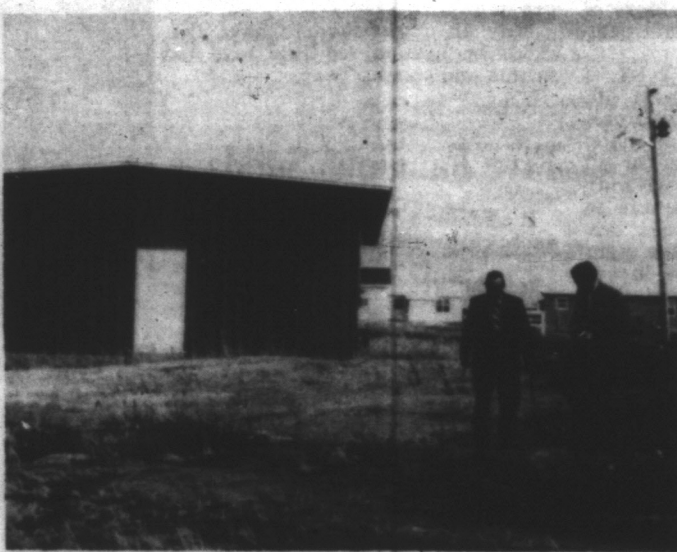
Pastor Donnie Bond stands in front of the mission in Valier of his church at Conrad.



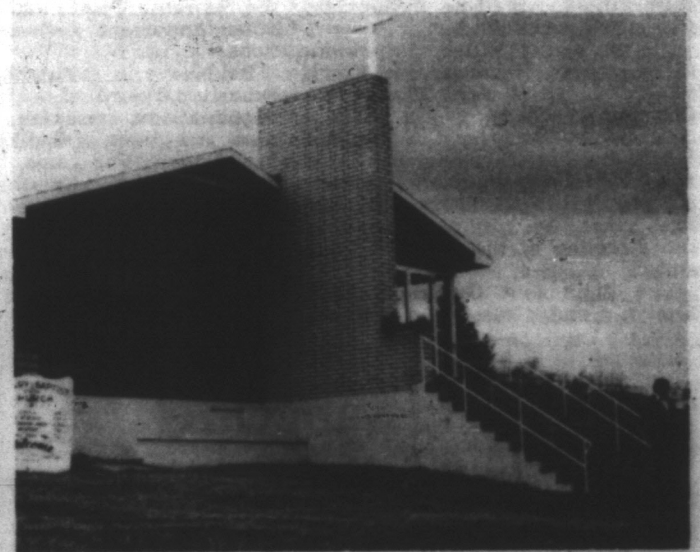
Ovis Fairley, pastor of Highland Church, Great Falls, stands outside the small block building used for an Indian mission on Hill 57.



Pastor and Mrs. Tom Hocutt of Helena Valley Church in Helena.



Area Missionary Glenn Field, left, and Pastor Donnie Bond have a look at the building for the new Indian mission in Browning.



Pastor Larry Gandy stands in front of the Joe Thomas Odle Memorial Chapel at Calvary Church in Helena.



Montana pastors are gathered for a fellowship meeting during the nine-church world missions conference there. Standing, left to right, are Larry Gandy, Bob Maddux, Tom Hocutt, and Jack Park. Seated, left to right, are Eddie Neese, Ovis Fairley and Missionary Glenn Field.

Mississippi Ties Aid Montana Work

By Don McGregor

Some 12 years ago the Mississippi Baptist Convention voted to adopt the Southern Baptist churches in Montana in an effort to aid those congregations in their growth.

Mississippi can be proud of its part in helping to put the work in Montana on a firm footing, and it can be proud of those who have gone from this state to plant their lives in that very worthwhile pioneer cause.

A number of names that are being heard throughout Southern Baptist circles in Montana and ringing more and more throughout entire communities in that state are familiar ones in Mississippi.

Only a few months ago Donnie Bond left the pastorate of the Dry Creek Church in Simpson Association to accept the same position in the city of Conrad, Montana. The work is small and faces an uphill struggle, but Donnie has gone there with a determination to help the church make an impact for Christ in that community of 3,500 population. He also is engaged in mission activity in the city of Valier some 25 miles away.

Not long ago the name of Bob Maddux was known in Mississippi as that of the pastor of First Church in Pelahatchie. He is now pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Great Falls, Montana. His church is not large by Mississippi standards, but it is one of the larger ones in Montana. His ministry has a nationwide and even worldwide impact, however, as servicemen from the nearby Air Force base come into the church for worship and witnessing before moving on to other assignments across the nation and around the world.

One of those servicemen and his wife who are helping Bob in his work are Mississippians. They are Mr. and Mrs. Litton Logan from Clarksdale.

Another Mississippian is at the helm of another church with a large ministry to military personnel. He is Ovis Fairley, pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Great Falls. Ovis has been in Montana for a number of years. Mrs. Fairley, the former Virginia Johnson, daughter of missionary parents, once worked in the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Woman's Missionary Union Department.

Tom Hocutt of Alabama is pastor of the Helena Valley Baptist Church. He and his wife, Martha, a native of Georgia, are

conducted the first survey in Helena which led to the establishment of the first Southern Baptist Church in the city. It was originally named First Southern but has been changed to Calvary. The present auditorium of Calvary Baptist Church, Helena, is named in the memory of Joe Thomas, who was the son of the editor of *The Baptist Record* and his wife. Joe Thomas died at 20 years of age just a few months after completing that summer missions assignment.

Other Mississippians are vitally involved in the Montana ministry. These listed are the ones contacted during a eight-day, nine-church world missions conference.

Pastor Eddie Neese of Westside Baptist Church in Great Falls, a native of Texas, has spoken in several Mississippi churches. Jack Park, pastor of the church at Shelby, is from Kentucky. Bob Moon at Immanuel Church in Havre is a native of Texas. Larry Gandy of Florida is the Calvary Church, Helena, pastor. A North Carolinian is Elmer Carter of Cascade. The area missionary is Glenn Field of Texas.

There is an alive, vital, progressive, enthusiastic attitude in Montana. There is not simply a ministry to Southern Baptists away from home. Long-time Montana residents who had no church affiliation are being baptized. Twenty persons from another persuasion have recently made professions of faith at Calvary Church. Some of these are included in the 19 adults recently baptized there.

Several Mississippi churches have Montana churches in their budgets. Many individuals have given generously to the work in Montana. A number of buildings have been made possible through the gifts of individuals.

The work in Montana has been well established, and pastors there are quick to give a great deal of credit to the Mississippi convention, to Mississippi churches, and to individuals. A practice of Mississippi laymen for the past 10 years that has developed into a tradition almost is that of sending a suit to every pastor in Montana at Christmas time. The pastors are asked to supply their suit sizes and new pastors are immediately added to the list. Enough money is donated every year to send 80 or 90 suits to Montana, and sometimes enough is left over for other worthwhile projects up there.

As strength has grown in Mon-

phrey, Conrad Pastor Donnie Bond, and the writer on a trip to Browning, which is located on a Blackfoot Indian reservation. It is right at the entrance of Glacier National Park and almost to Canada.

There the convention is in the process of setting up a mission which will be affiliated with the church at Shelby. Pastor Jack Park was not able to make the trip that day but will be leading in the beginning of the mission.

Another Baptist group had started a mission on the reservation and had constructed a fine, metal building for the purpose. This group had to cease operations, and Southern Baptists bought the building for \$25,000. It is 60 by 34 feet in area and sits on a lot 200 by 150 feet. It has four rooms, one of which is a kitchenette. There is a baptistry, a good piano, two rest rooms, two gas furnaces, and the pews. The auditorium will seat about 80. Some 5,000 Indians live on the reservation with 4,000 of them being in the city of Browning. Montanans are excited about the possibilities there.

There are 100 churches in the Northern Plains Convention and 37 in Montana. There are several church-type missions such as at Valier and at Browning, and there are also many preaching stations. One of these is on what is called Hill 57 just outside of Great Falls. Here a number of

Indian families have moved into the area and constructed their own houses without having to purchase a lot. They are Sioux, Cree, and Chippewa people for the most part. Highland Baptist Church is sponsoring a Sunday School there, and attendance runs as high as 45. It would average about 20. The Sunday School now meets in a little block building that is publicly owned. The Home Mission Board owns a lot on Hill 57, however, and Pastor Ovis Fairley hopes there can be a new building before long.

Mississippi churches help in a number of ways. Recently the Eastside Church at Magee donated a mimeograph machine to the Conrad Church. Before it was sent to Montana the Dry Creek Church at Magee had it completely reconditioned.

A need that is mentioned almost universally is buses. At least one per church is needed to pick up people on Sunday and also to transport them from place to place for meetings and fellowship gatherings. Two of the smaller city pastors, those at Conrad and Shelby, felt that perhaps two vans would serve the purpose better.

Mississippi has a great stake in the work of those pioneer Southern Baptists in Montana on the outskirts of our work. And Mississippi visitors are made to feel especially welcome when they are there.

Former Mississippian New Golden Gate Dean

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. — A former Mississippian, Dr. W. Morgan Patterson, has been elected dean of academic affairs at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. Dr. Harold K. Graves, president of the seminary, announced that Patterson's service would be effective August 1, 1976.

Dr. Patterson is now the director of graduate studies in the School of Theology and the David T. Porter Professor of Church History at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and has served on the faculty there since 1969. He led in designing and implementing the M.D. degree at Southern

England in 1965-66 and 1972-73. He has served as pastor of the Stapleton Baptist Church, Stapleton, Ala. and the Progress Baptist Church, Progress, Miss. He was church history professor at New Orleans Seminary from 1969-1969. His service at Southern Seminary began in 1969 when he became church history professor. He became director of graduate studies of the School of Theology in 1970 and served as acting dean of the School of Theology in 1971.

CBS President To Address Abe Lincoln Banquet
FORT WORTH (BP) — Arthur T. Bland of New York, president

Ford, Swor To Speak During SBC At Norfolk

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Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., who will welcome registered SBC messengers; Jaroy Weber, SBC president and Lubbock pastor, president's address; Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., convention sermon; Harold A. Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.; and Carl E. Bates, former SBC president, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

Besides conducting regular business and hearing agency reports, messengers will elect a new president to succeed Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, who is completing his second one-year term, mandatory limit under the SBC constitution.

Among committee reports to messengers will be reports from a committee named to study the function of the SBC Executive Committee, C. R. Daley, Middletown, Ky., chairman; a missions challenge committee studying SBC mission outreach during the last 25 years of the century, Hultgren, chairman; and the committee on state Baptist papers, H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, former SBC president, chairman.

The Thursday evening program,

the closing session, "will emphasize recommitment to Southern Baptist ministry and witness in America during the nation's Bicentennial year," Puckett said. "The session will be geared to missionary understanding, motivation, and inspiration."

It will begin with "Stearns & Co., a historical musical drama presented by Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Tex. After a look back at history of Baptists in America, participants will hear reports from SBC missions organizations at work in the United States and an address by Bates, "And the March Goes On"; a title based on closing lines from "Stearns & Co."

Special music will appear throughout the program, according to William J. Reynolds, director of the SBC Sunday School Board's church music department, who will direct convention music. Allen R. Brown, church music secretary for Virginia Baptists, is assistant music director. Music includes the Virginia Baptist Male Chorus; Nettie Beth Weber of Flat Rock, N.C.; singing group from First Church, Lubbock, and University Church, Charlottesville, Va.; "The Centurymen," 100 Southern Baptist ministers of music; James R. Davis, Tulsa, Okla.; and Debbie and Otis Stroup of Glen Burnie, Md.

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EDITORIAL

'Pray For Those In Authority'

The Bible is clear in its message that we should pray for those in authority... those who head up our government. This means that every Christian should pray for government officials, whether they be local, state or national. We should pray for mayors and other city officials, governors and those in positions of authority in the state government, and for the president, members of congress, and others in national office.

For the fourth time in the last five terms, a Baptist has been elected to the highest office of the state of Mississippi. Governor Cliff Finch is a member of First Baptist Church, Batesville, where he is a deacon, and has been a Sunday School teacher. Now the mantle of responsibility as governor has been placed upon him, and for the next four years, he will be sharing in the direction of the affairs of our state.

The Lieutenant Governor, Miss Evelyn Gandy, also is a Baptist,

and is a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson. Many other state officials, including members of the legislature, of the Supreme Court, and holders of other offices, also are Baptists. There is nothing unusual about this, since Baptists are by far the largest denominational body in the state.

Both President Ford and Vice-president Rockefeller are professing Christians, as are most of the members of Congress, justices of the Supreme Court, and holders of other important government positions.

Paul says in I Timothy 2:1-3 'I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.' Those in authority need our prayers that they may so govern that we 'may lead

quiet and peaceable' lives. Perhaps the call never has been more meaningful than right now, when so many problems confront our leaders, and so many needs and responsibilities press upon them.

The new Governor of Mississippi publicly has asked for the prayers of the people of Mississippi. This is commendable, and he should have the prayers of Christian people of all denominations. The task is great, but the power of God is greater.

May all of our leaders have the direction of God as they lead us in this and coming years.

Five Fabulous Sundays

It happens about three times each century. The last time was 1948. The next will be sometime after the year 2000. What is this unusual event? A February with FIVE Sundays.

Recognizing the uniqueness of this, and also in observance of America's Bicentennial, SBC Sunday school leaders are suggesting that churches of the convention seek to make these five Sundays unusual ones in the Sunday schools. They are proposing that they become 'Five Fabulous Sundays' and that every church aim for a high Sunday school attendance record for the period.

They suggest that goals be set, every class be enlisted, and each member be urged to become involved.

High attendance is not for making reports, but for reaching people. The more people we reach, the more will be coming under the influence of the church, studying God's word, sharing in Christian fellowship, and hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Such results glorify the Lord and probably will result in many people being saved.

Already the churches have been informed concerning this effort, and many are planning participation. If your church has not done so, it is not too late to have part in this great effort. Start today to enlist people for attendance next Sunday.

Five Fabulous Sundays could be five Sundays of rich blessing for your church.

Evangelize!

It is probable that few words in the English language stir more Baptist hearts than the single word, 'Evangelize!'

This word is related either directly or indirectly to almost everything done in our churches and in our denominational life.

When the poet wrote the following words he certainly was speaking to Baptists, even though the message should speak to every Christian.

"Give us a watchword for the hour;
A thrilling word, a word of power.
A battle cry, a flaming breath,
That calls to conquest or to death.

A word to rouse the church from rest,
To heed the Saviour's high behest.
The call is given; ye hosts arise,
Our watchword is 'Evangelize!'

The glad evangel now proclaim
Through all the earth in Jesus name;
This word is ringing through the skies:
Evangelize! Evangelize!

To dying men, a fallen race,
Make known the gift of gospel grace.
The world that now in darkness lies,
Evangelize! Evangelize!

Next week, hundreds of Mississippi Baptist pastors, laymen and leaders, will be thinking of this glorious watchword. The annual Evangelistic Conference is to be held at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, beginning on Monday night and continuing through Wednesday morning.

Evangelism Director Roy Colburn, has planned a great program for this meeting, and speakers will be men who are known for their evangelistic fervor and their power in proclaiming the Word of God.

Every church in the state should be well represented with pastor and laymen (including women) so that all across the state fires of evangelism will be burning throughout this year.

This conference can help raise the watchword 'Evangelize!' until it burns in hearts all over Mississippi.

NEWEST BOOKS

THE LIBERATED PALESTINIAN—THE ANIS SHORROSH STORY by James and Marti Hefley (Victor, 175 pp., paper, \$2.95) Anis Shorrosh is widely known in Mississippi and has preached in many churches in the state. He attended Clarke and Mississippi Colleges and New Orleans Seminary. The book depicts his early life as an Arab boy in Nazareth, the refugee years in Jordan; the conversion to Christ and call to preach; the influence of Southern Baptist missionaries; the opening of doors to come to America to prepare, and of the worldwide ministry God has given him. A vivid portrait of how God can change bitterness and hatred into love and compassion. Few men living today have tested the promises of God with greater faith. The reader will both laugh and cry as he reads these pages, but will clearly see how that Jesus Christ is the only answer to the deep divisions of the world.

AIN'T GOD GOOD by Jerry Clower with Gerry Wood (Word, 179 pp., \$6.95).

In this new book Mississippi's own Jerry Clower tells his story in an unforgettable manner, with experiences, stories and pictures. Jerry now lives in Yazoo City, but grew up in Amite County, between McComb and Liberty. In recent years he has become one of the country's foremost humorists and is a star in Grand Ole Opera in Nashville. He has become famous for his stories about Mississippi and Amite County, and he includes some of those stories and the story of his life in this book which is written much like he speaks. You will not want to put the book down once you start reading it. Jerry has amazed the entertainment world with his refusal to allow anything unchristian or obscene in his stories or programs. Some said he would fail without these, and he replied that he would just have to fail, but that didn't happen. He proved the critics wrong, and has made the 'big time' in the entertainment field. His records are best sellers, and the demand for his personal appearances cannot even be met. Jerry is a Baptist, a deacon, and a Christian witness in every way and he never fails to give a strong witness for Christ, and that is done well in this book. He shows how true is the fact that God is good. You will like the style, the stories, the illustrations and the message of this book. It is one you will enjoy and that you will want to give to others.

EXPOSITORY SERMONS ON THE

EPISTLE OF JAMES by W. A. Criswell, (Zondervan, 128 pp., \$4.95) Southern Baptists' best known preacher, and the pastor of their largest church, is world renowned for his expository preaching. He has preached through every book in the Bible in his own pulpit at First Baptist Church, Dallas. In these 17 sermons he probes the depths of the epistle of James, and makes its message live for modern Christians. The book is rich in its exposition, clear in its application, and filled with illustrations from the great preacher's own experience.

WHAT TO DO UNTIL JESUS COMES BACK by W. A. Criswell (Broadman, 151 pp., \$4.95) Dr. Criswell is called the mightiest preacher among Southern Baptists. He believes the Bible is the Word of God, and believes that its prophecies and promises are literally true. Here he talks about 'The Glorious Promise, And the Blessed Hope,' 'The Heavenly Mandate, and the Earthly Arrangement,' and 'Waiting in Patience and Ministering in Love.' Christ literally is coming again; here is what we are to be doing as we wait and watch for him.

GOD'S MIRACULOUS PLAN OF ECONOMY by Jack R. Taylor (Broadman, 166 pp., \$5.95) One of Southern Baptists best known and most widely used spiritual leaders opens a new concept in Christian stewardship. Jack Taylor has led us into greater spiritual depths in Christian living, and now moves into the realm of giving. He presents a platform based upon God's ownership and our stewardship, but shows that our giving is to be based not upon what we have, but upon what God has, and what He wants us to do. It is a bold new concept, but Dr. Taylor shows it to be Scriptural, reasonable and challenging.

GEORGE VINS—TESTAMENT FROM PRISON Translated by Jane Ellis (David C. Cook, pocketbook paper, 283 pp., \$2.50) All of us have heard much of the Russian Communist persecution of Baptists and others, and in recent months many reports have come concerning a Baptist preacher, Georgi Vins, who is in a Communist prison now. Here is his message, and messages of others related to him, such as his mother. The heart-moving story of a family which has suffered so much for Christ, and of other Christian leaders who suffered in similar manner. You cannot read this without being moved, and without being ashamed

that we are not doing more in demanding freedom for these fellow Baptists.

FREEDOM SOUND by Bill Junker (Broadman, Broadman Readers Plan Book, paper, 128 pp., \$1.95) One of Southern Baptists' Student Ministries leaders, writes on the meaning of Christian freedom.

WHY NOT THE BEST by Jimmy Carter (Broadman, pocketbook paper, 154 pp., \$1.95) The former governor of Georgia, a Baptist layman who now is in the race for the presidency of the United States, writes on the Christian and government, and of his own experiences in the area. He believes that Christians have a responsibility to their nation.

WHAT IS TO COME by James E. Carter (Broadman, pocketbook paper, 150 pp., \$1.95) The pastor of First Baptist Church, Natchitoches, La., writes on what happens after death, and what is in the future, such as second coming, judgment, heaven and hell. Not a book on prophecy, but a discussion of Biblical revelation of what is ahead.

THE TRUE ESTIMATE OF LIFE by G. Campbell Morgan (Baker, paper, 240 pp., \$2.95) Reprint edition of another volume in the 'G. Campbell Morgan Library.' Outstanding sermons by one of the greatest Bible expositors of the modern age.

RELAX AND LET GOD by James E. Duncan, Jr. (Broadman, 128 pp., \$1.95) A Broadman Readers Plan Book. A Virginia Baptist pastor shares his discovery that the Christian life cannot be lived in one's own strength. He has to realize that the Holy Spirit lives within him, and is ready to take his life and live through it. When one discovers this he can 'Relax and Let God.' He talks about service, love, prayer, self, and the way to victorious living.

I'VE GOT TO PLAY ON THEIR COURT by Nelson L. Price (Broadman, 140 pp., \$4.95) A Baptist pastor learns 'If we expect people to attend the activities at our church, we have to go where they work, play and live.' In this book he presents a practical, workable plan for a church to use in reaching people.

BROTHER BURGESS... An Autobiography by W. J. Burgess (Baptist Publications Committee, pocketbook paper, 121 pp., \$1.50; hardback, \$3.95) A pastor and leader in the Baptist Missionary Association tells the story of his life.



Bicentennial Feature

Officers Interrupt Meeting, Arrest Baptist Minister

CARTER'S RUN, Va., November, 1700 (BP) — A Baptist meeting near here was broken up today when sheriff's deputies seized the minister as he was pronouncing the benediction and charged him with conducting unlawful services.

The Baptist preacher, James Ireland, was charged by officers with conducting worship without authority from the state church of Virginia. Ireland was released under bond.

The minister later said he had known before the meeting that officers had threatened to intervene and fine those present. He decided to go ahead with services in spite of opposition.

"I sat down," Ireland said, "and counted the cost of liberty or prison. Having ventured all upon Christ, I determined to suffer all for him."

Services were held at the home of a Baptist layman, who warned Ireland when he arrived that authorities had told him that if Ireland preached he would be placed under arrest, those present would be fined, and the layman would be fined 20 pounds for allowing the meeting to be held on his property.

"When he told me to go ahead with the service if I felt it my duty," Ireland said, "I asked him to show me his property line. I put a table across the line and preached from the tabletop so I would be no more on his property than on any one else's."

While Ireland was standing on top of the table praying, officers seized him by the collar and demanded by what authority he was conducting services. The Baptist presented his credentials, which officers said they considered worthless because they were not issued by the state church.

Informed that he must give security not to "teach, preach, or exhort" for 12 months and a day or go to jail, Ireland told the deputies he would go to jail first.

Those assembled to hear Ireland's sermon, were told by officers that while they had broken the law, it was obvious they had been deceived by Ireland.

"Leave Ireland's table," the congregation was told by the deputies, "stand with us to show that you are ready to comply with the law, and no charges will be made."

In reply the Baptists told officers that they had heard nothing preached but "the gospel of Christ," and that if they did not have enough money to pay their fines they would go to jail with Ireland.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Let's Hoe On Their Row Awhile

Dear Dr. Odle:

There is a story about a small Indian boy who was assigned a row of corn to hoe, along with his older brothers. His row was just as long as theirs and being much smaller it was impossible for him to keep up with his brothers. However, at the close of day he always managed to complete his assigned task and enjoy his trek home in the company of his older brothers. He explained that his ability to do this was because these brothers who were much larger and stronger and

capable would reach over and hoe on his row every once in awhile, this enabling him to keep up with them.

There is a small theological school in Billings, Montana, that has been assigned the same responsibility as that of our larger and more noted schools of higher learning. This school is Yellowstone Baptist Bible Institute, and it is attempting to equip those in attendance to meet the needs of the growing Baptist work in that pioneer area.

YBBI is a work of faith with financial support coming from "over and above" gifts from churches and individuals over the Southern Baptist Convention. The necessity for such a school emanates from the fact that there is no Southern Baptist school within more than 1000 miles of Billings. Those closest to the school feel that indigenous work depends on local training. This is pointed out by the following statement from a present student who has a family of nine and attends YBBI. He is pastor of a small church in Laurel, Montana and works full-time in Billings.

He states, "For some time I have felt the need to further my education, as I had been late in entering the ministry and had not taken time to go back to school. I had no ministerial or theological schooling, and there were areas that I felt I needed some help. While I was in Wyoming, I became acquainted with the new work that had been started in Billings to help persons like myself. I felt that YBBI was an answer to my prayer, as it was a place where I could continue my education and still remain active in pioneer mission work."

Assistance for the school can be given by means of direct gifts to the school or through scholarship funds for students such as the one mentioned above. They should be mailed to Yellowstone Baptist Bible Institute, Dr. Herbert Warren, President, Post Office Box 30375, Billings, Montana 59107.

YBBI is a school sponsored by the Yellowstone Southern Baptist Association and is working in cooperation with Mississippi College in areas of curriculum and faculty selection guidance. Not only do they need our prayerful and financial support but they will appreciate it and use it wisely. Also, it will give us a good feeling to know that we are helping out by hoeing on their row once in awhile.

Wilbur M. Irwin, Pastor
Forest Hill Church
Jackson, Mississippi

Thinking is one thing no one has been able to, tax.

Nearly everybody has a remedy for the troubles of everybody except his own.

A man is drunk when he feels sophisticated and can't pronounce it.

Some people never do anything on-time except buy.

The extravagant girl usually makes a poor mother and a bankrupt father.

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Amman Baptist School Enrollment Triples

AMMAN, Jordan — The enrollment for the second year at Amman (Jordan) Baptist School has nearly tripled. In its first year 43 students attended kindergarten and first grade; now, 120 attend kindergarten and grades one through three.

In order to secure building funds from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the school agreed to become self-supporting and hire Christian teachers. The exception to this is the Islamic teacher required by Jordanian law.

The school began as the dream of Paul S. C. Smith, Southern Baptist missionary here. He felt a need for an elementary school in Amman. Land was first secured many years ago, only to be purchased by the government, making another selection of a building site necessary.

The building, constructed within the budgeted figure, consists of a

multipurpose room (gym, auditorium, etc.), an administration wing consisting of reception area and offices, and nine classrooms.

Smith is the school administrator and was the building supervisor. His wife, Virginia, is the kindergarten advisor and an English teacher.

The income of most of the 90 families represented by the student body is modest. More than a third of them live in the government housing project less than one half mile from the school, according to Alta Lee (Mrs. L. August) Lovegren, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

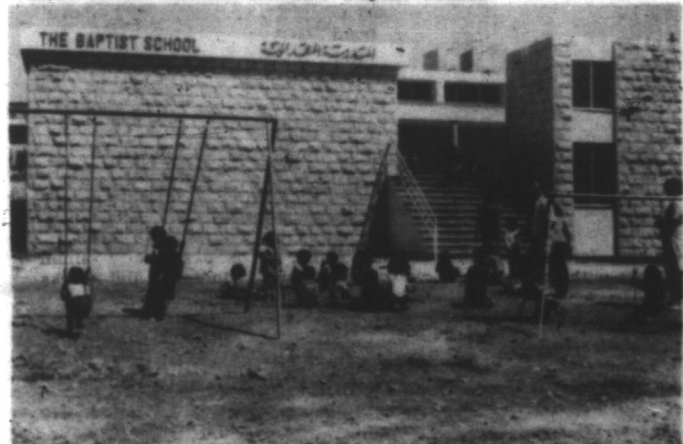
However, the student body also includes six children of the royal family of Jordan.

The school will have a maximum of 30 students in each class in contrast to the 65 per class in some public schools in Jordan.

The building will be expanded to include fourth, fifth and sixth grades as soon as possible.



READING, WRITING AND 'RITHMETIC—Miss Suad Abu Gazali teaches in the Amman (Jordan) Baptist School.



RECESS IS BEST—Like everywhere else, school children in the Amman (Jordan) Baptist School enjoy play periods.

Southeastern's Copelands 'Going Home' To Fukuoka

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)—When Luther and Louise Copeland arrive at Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, Japan, it will be a homecoming in the truest sense of the word.

Copeland, 60, whose last 19½ years were spent as professor of missions and world religions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here, is "going back to Fukuoka," where he will again be chancellor of the university, one of the largest Baptist schools in the world.

The Baptist educator taught at Seinan Gakuin as a Southern Baptist missionary from 1948-56, and was chancellor three of those years. He and Mrs. Copeland have been reappointed as missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The university, however, will pay his salary, while the board will pay his wife's salary and fringe benefits.

Mrs. Copeland, who plans to join her husband this summer,

said she will probably teach in the Seinan Gakuin high school system.

In a recent assembly here honoring the Copelands he told students and faculty, "When I went to look the job over, I had a very definite sense of homecoming. Except for my fumbling in the language it was almost as though I had never been away."

The feeling was only natural, friends said, since nearly all the department heads at the school in Fukuoka are friends or former students of Copeland. He even baptized four of them.

The Seinan Gakuin school has an enrollment of about 2,000 in its high schools and about 8,000 in the university and graduate school, according to Copeland. The institution is operated by the Japan Baptist Convention but maintains close relations with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

As chancellor, Copeland said he will attempt "to maintain and strengthen the school's Christian character. I am also concerned about developing individual initiative and creativity among the students and staff," he said, citing that the education system in Ja-



Filmstrips Cover Bible's Influence On Presidents

NEW YORK (RNS) — Four color and sound filmstrips on the Bible and its influence on four U.S. presidents are now available from the American Bible Society.

"The Bible and the Presidents" covers George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. "All of them were human like everyone else," says Dr. James Z. Nettings, ABS Programs director, "but on many different occasions during times of challenge and change, the inspiration of the Scriptures undergirded their actions and writings."

Study and discussion guides accompany the filmstrips and records, packaged in a special Bicentennial edition. Cost is \$15 for one, \$45 for all four, ordered from the ABS, 1865 Broadway, New York City 10023, or Cathedral Films, 2921 W. Alameda Ave., Burbank, Calif. 91505.

Jerry Clower To Be Inducted Into Sports Hall Of Fame

Jerry Clower, former Mississippi State football star, will be inducted into the Churchmen's Sports Hall of Fame at its formal banquet Feb. 16 in Tallahassee, Tenn.

Clower, now a renowned television personality and award-winning comic, played college football for Miss. State Bulldogs in 1948-49 and was a two-way starter both years after his transfer from a junior college.

Clower will be inducted along with Jim Carlen, head football

coach at the University of South Carolina, who has been chosen its University division "Coach of the Year"; Bobby Richardson, former N. Y. Yankees second baseman who played for 13 seasons with the Yankees and appeared in seven World Series; and Jack Waddell, Nashville, a professional boxer in the 1930 and 1940s.

Previous inductees include President Gerald Ford, Mississippi State Coach Bob Tyler and former Miss. State All-American quarterback Rocky Felker.



A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

Wouldn't it be nice if we were all equipped with electronic beepers to turn on when we wanted to let people know how we feel? Electronic though they are not, we send out beepers, all the time. James says my silent mouth says as much when it's closed as when open — something about I set my lips in a certain way when I'm in a foul humor. He says, too, my hands speak, though I don't know sign language — something about I work fast, furiously, and bangingly when I'm mad. There are other beepers I send out. My family can even tell a few signals of good humor.

I intercept a lot of beeping, too. I misread a few beeps. But I completely miss some, and that's what bothers me. Miss judging feelings or being insensitive to attitudes really upsets me. Practicing to a family member results, when I should be listening. It makes me feel like a failure of the worst kind.

Probably a cardinal rule for husbands and wives and parents and children to remember is that big people, like little people, act the way they do just because. Do you remember answering a question like "Why did you get your feet muddy when I told you not to?" with "Just 'cause"?

The real reason was — in my case, at least — that I loved the mud squishing between my toes and the water splattering everywhere when I ran through the puddles. I wasn't trying to get my parents' attention even if it

Postal Service Never Heard Of Billy Graham

ARLINGTON, Va. (RNS)—Billy Graham an "addressee unknown."

And in the place where he has been a long-time resident, Black Mountain, N. C.?

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, retired editor of the fortnightly magazine Christianity Today, has found the answer is yes.

The Christmas card he mailed to the famed Southern Baptist evangelist was returned to him here from Black Mountain marked "addressee unknown."

"Either America is bogging down to radical secularism," Dr. Henry noted wryly, "or the postal service is worse than anyone has a right to expect. Secular erosion of religious awareness is apparently worse in Black Mountain."

Population of Black Mountain: 3,304.

Vincent Gives \$50,000 To Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP) — B. M. Vincent, a Baptist and former Kentucky congressman and state attorney general, has donated a \$50,000 annuity trust to the endowment fund of the Gaines

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Businessman Volunteers To Recruit Volunteers

ATLANTA (BP) — Hal Woods, a Clarksville, Ga., businessman likes to stay busy.

Woods is president of a corporation that operates furniture stores in Clarksville and Cornelia, Ga., and is also president of Hazel Creek Orchards.

So he does have plenty to do. But Woods is a Christian businessman and layman. That's why he has joined the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Christian Service Corps as a volunteer to help recruit volunteers for mission assignments. He will work from his Clarksville homebase and will continue his business activities as well.

CSC is the board's arm which enlists and assigns lay volunteers for mission projects, usually helping home missionaries. Most CSC volunteers go for short terms on their vacation time, but others have actually moved to pioneer Southern Baptist areas to work on a long-term basis. CSC volunteers pay all their own expenses. More than 150 were assigned last summer.

Woods, a former CSC volunteer himself, has coordinated CSC promotion efforts in Georgia for the last 18 months. He will serve on a part-time basis without salary, assisting CSC Coordinator Bill Wilson, himself a volunteer. The new staffer's main concentration will be in encourag-

ing Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood groups to sponsor mission volunteers.

Wilson said that Woods "has gone to considerable trouble re-arranging his business to be able to give the time." Woods is an ordained deacon and a member of Central Heights Baptist Church in Clarksville, where he is Brotherhood president and has served in numerous other capacities.



Hal Woods, right, a Georgia businessman, has volunteered to give a day or more a week of his time to direct enlistment efforts of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Christian Service Corps. He will assist Bill Wilson, left, the CSC coordinator. Wilson also is a volunteer, giving half of his time each week to the CSC. (Baptist Press Photo by Toby Druin, HMB)

Few Christian Churches In China, Senator Says

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Only Peking and a few other cities in the People's Republic of China are known to have regular Christian church services, according to the Seventh Congressional Delegation to that country.

Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-Ill.), a member of the delegation which visited mainland China in August, made this report in a talk to a weekly Senate Prayer Breakfast Group here. It was the first congressional delegation to visit the Communist-ruled nation since the adoption in January of its new constitution.

The Illinois Republican quoted from articles of that constitution, among them Article 28: "Citizens enjoy freedom of speech, correspondence, the press, assembly, association, procession, demonstration and the freedom to strike, and enjoy freedom to believe, in religion and freedom not to believe in religion and to propagate atheism."

"From our observations," Sen. Percy told his colleagues, "party membership is not granted to anyone who practices a religious belief. Attendance at a university and certain other privileges also would be denied."

He then read from a report of his delegation on the subject of religion: "In Yangchow we visited the Fa-ching Monastery. This Zen (Ch'na) Buddhist monastery was founded over 1,200 years ago

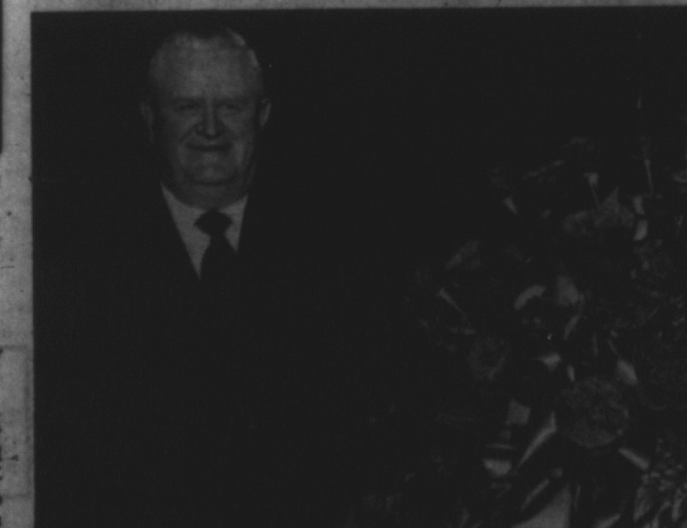
in the T'ang Dynasty . . . There are some 200 believers in Yangchow, which has a total population of 200,000 . . .

"There is no Christian church in Yangchow; the monastery, therefore, is the only practicing religious institution in that city. We learned that there exists only vestigial remains of Christianity in China. There is a regular, sparsely attended Christian church service in Peking, and Prof. Tink Kuanghsun, a Union Theological Seminary (New York) graduate of 1948, teaches Christian theology to a few dozen students at Nanking University.

"The number of students is dwindling and even these are being trained to serve the State. Professor Ting is also a delegate to the National People's Congress as representatives of Chinese Christians.

"Only a few cities other than Peking are known to have regular Christian church services, and these on a small scale. Christianity continues to be practiced in some homes, but to practice this or any religion is incompatible with Communist Party membership."

By contrast with the anti-theistic stance of the Chinese constitution, Sen. Percy reminded his audience that "throughout the evolution of the American spirit, there exists deep religious motivation. God is accepted as an historic force, the true source of all order, law and right."



WMU State Mission Week Of Prayer Offering Reaches \$177,873.29

The gifts to State Missions Week of Prayer (Margaret Lackey) are listed as received from January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975 with 894 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$177,873.29

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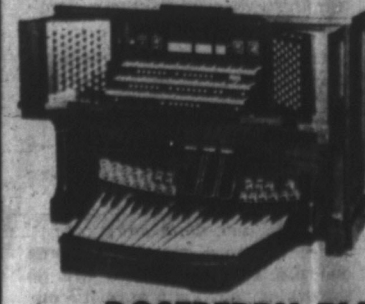
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Calvary Qualifies For Distinguished Recognition
Calvary Church, Columbus, is one of three churches which has qualified for Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide this year. Right to left are Pastor Jerry W. Stevens presenting the certificate to Walter Cole, last year's Church Training Director, and Roland Hill, this year's Church Training Director, while Charles House, Chairman of Deacons, looks on.

Sunday School Lesson: International

Parables Of The Kingdom

By Wm. J. Fallis
Matthew 13

Most people think first of Jesus when the word "parable" is mentioned. He did not originate the parable, but he used it with great effectiveness. A parable may be



a single sentence that compares one thing with another, or it can be a rather involved story of some imaginary people in a commonplace situation. Someone has said it is an "earthly story with a heavenly meaning." Jesus said he told parables sometimes to hide his

meanings; at other times the meaning is vividly and inescapably clear. Most parables try to make only one major point. Assigning a meaning to every factor in a parable may misinterpret its basic truth. All the parables in Matthew 13 are concerned with the kingdom, or reign, of God.

The Lesson Explained FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS (vv. 31-33)

This chapter begins with the rather long parable about the soils (vv. 1-9) and its explanation (vv. 18-23). The two parables in these verses are only one sentence each. Both begin: "The kingdom of heaven is like..." and both emphasize that the reign of God starts in a small way but can grow to something large and significant.

Jesus did not mean that the mustard seed was the smallest in the plant kingdom but probably the smallest the farmers were used to sowing. From such a seed a shrub could grow ten feet tall, strong enough to give birds protection and shelter. The reign of God could begin in one life in a community, and eventually the whole community could be changed by God's reign. From the farm Jesus turned to the kitchen for the second parable. He pictured a woman hiding a ball of fermented dough (probably saved from her last baking) in a huge mass of fresh dough. Quietly the leavening power would spread through all the dough.

WORTH ALL A PERSON HAS (vv. 44-46)

Again, we have two short parables, these emphasizing the superb value of the kingdom. In the first a man may have been plowing when he suddenly discovered buried treasure. He must have been renting the field because he sold everything in order to buy it. In the second story a jewel merchant finally discovers in some shop a truly great pearl. Because it is the one thing he must have, he sells everything else in order to buy it. In each case a man is willing to give up everything in order to possess something really valuable. The kingdom of heaven will call for that kind of commitment and give similar joy.

INCLUDES JUDGMENT, TOO (vv. 47-50)

This parable pictures a commonplace scene around the Sea of Galilee. Two or more men

used a dragnet either between two boats or dropped from one boat and then drawn toward the shore. It was a mixed catch; some fish were edible and some were not. The latter were "bad" so far as fishermen were concerned, but they made no judgment until they could sort out the catch. In a similar way, the appeal of the kingdom is to men and women of all kinds. Only at the end of the "age" (better than "world") could the full

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story of judgment and salvation be told. People would then know who was truly committed to the reign of God.

BOTH OLD AND NEW TRUTH (vv. 51-52)

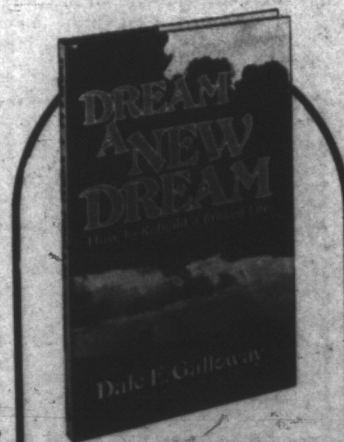
At the beginning of this chapter Jesus told the parable of the soils; in Mark and Luke the disciples asked him what it meant. Now in verse 51 Jesus asked them whether they understood what he had been saying. "The scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven" could be an interpreter of the Jewish law who became a Christian or a Christian disciple

Long Beach Pastor Resigns

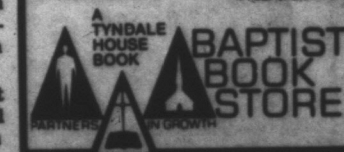
Dr. Gall W. DeBord has resigned as pastor of First Church, Long Beach, to accept the pastorate of Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Dr. DeBord, a graduate of Missouri University and New Orleans Seminary, accepted the Long Beach pastorate in January 1969, seven months before Hurricane Camille. During the crucial period following Camille, he provided capable pastoral leadership in the restoration of church properties, subsequently leading the congregation in the construction of a unique contemporary worship center costing \$555,000. This beautiful structure, designed to accommodate some of the most advanced techniques in sound and lighting, has a fan-shaped seating arrangement with a capacity of 1,000.

Dr. DeBord served as president of the Long Beach Ministerial Alliance in 1973. Over the seven years in Long Beach, he has served in a number of Mississippi Baptist Convention capacities including that of Executive Board member. His work in the Gulf Coast Baptist Association included committee memberships and seminary extension teaching.



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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Hour Of Decision

By Bill Duncan
Matthew 21:4-16

We must choose. Life is full of choices that have to be faced. No one else can choose for us. All our lives we are in a valley of decision.



We can choose. It is wonderful that we can. We are not robots or marionettes or the plaything of change. God has given us free will.

We do choose. That is why we are where we are in this day. What we choose is reflected in our life and walk. What we choose shapes our future. On the field of destiny we reap what we have sown. Our decisions judge us, and by them we pass sentence on ourselves. The valley of decision is also the valley of judgment; it

is the valley of the verdict.

Many times Jesus had said, "My hour is not yet come." The time of the Passover was the hour of decision for Him. The time was fully come for awakening the minds of men to who he really was.

There is a picture in Zechariah 9:9, where the prophet saw the king coming to Jerusalem lowly and riding upon a colt, the foal of an ass.

Jesus used this biblical idea to make a deliberate Messianic claim. This was an offer of himself to the people at the time of the Passover when Jerusalem was surging with Jews from all over the world. If figures are accurate, there could have been 2½ million people crowded into Jerusalem. The people were keyed up with religious expectation. It is easy to see why Jesus chose the place and the time.

Many people refuse to accept the idea that Jesus would use a public display to draw attention to himself. It is true that he was not the kind of person who liked to draw attention. Yet, this begins the last phase of his ministry and so personal modesty is put aside. He was trying to make the people choose. When the time came for him to offer himself to the people as the promised Lord for whom they had been waiting, he did not make a political speech. He performed an act so that those who witnessed the demonstration would decide to stand with him or against him. Rather than an argument, he used a demonstration.

The crowd received Jesus like a King. They spread their cloaks in front of him. That is what Jehu's friends did when he was proclaimed King (2 Kings 9:13). They cut down and waved palm branches. The crowd's greeting echoes Psalms 118:25ff, the last of Hallel songs, sung at the Passover, "Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes." "Hosanna" meant "Save, we pray thee."

The cleansing of the temple was an act of Jesus' dramatic picture.

He was saying that not only was he the anointed one of God, but that he had also come to cleanse the House of God from the abuses which defiled it and its worship. Jesus saw that the court of the Gentiles had been taken over by selfish traders who exploited the poor and humble pilgrims. This exploiting was done in the name of religion. His anger is directed against those who make it impossible for simple and sincere people to worship in the house of God.

On the day that the traders and the moneychangers were sent packing, the blind and the lame were healed. It was a day of praise. The children are cited for their simple trust and praise. The religious leaders were not able to see what the simple in heart can see. The children sang, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

On the day that Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem in triumph, the crowds acclaimed him. But the enthusiasm of the crowd was of the moment only. Most of them did not really want the kind of life that Jesus offered. In the week that followed, it became increasingly clear that the majority of those to whom he offered himself wanted no part of him.

Many have said that if Jesus came today, the same thing would happen. I do not believe that any more. The fact that Jesus lived, died, and rose again had a great effect upon the world. We who have been saved would want to stand by him to the end.

When Jesus comes again, he will find many Christians who have not forsaken the gospel and are honest business men trying to keep their business under the Lordship of Christ. They have "put on Christ" and have become "a new creation."

Yet, his coming will divide the world into two groups. There will be those who will choose to stand with him and those who will choose to stand against him. The question is which group will you decide to belong to?

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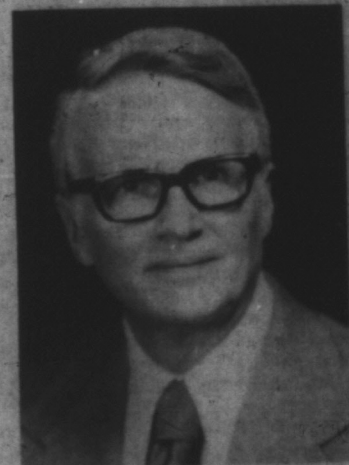
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Dr. Gordon Clinard

Gordon Clinard was born in 1922 at Springfield, Tennessee, and was ordained at 18 by the First Baptist Church of Springfield. He and Christine Browder were married in 1941 while students at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee. Dr. Clinard served as pastor of several churches, including the First Church at Burleson and the First Church at Huntsville, and taught preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth from 1955 until 1966. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church in San Angelo from 1966 until 1970 then occupied the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville until 1972, when he returned to Texas and joined the faculty at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene as Distinguished Professor of Bible. He held that position until his tragic death in a traffic accident on December 4, 1973 in Abilene.

Yes, I want to have a part in this Memorial. En-

The Memorial



1st, Ellisville Dedicates Bus

First Church, Ellisville, recently bought a new activities bus. Dedication was held December 14. Dr. J. B. Young led the dedicatory prayer and Doug Landrum gave information about the features of the bus. The Bus Committee includes Jack Martineau, Doug Landrum, Chairman, Mrs. Jack Myers, Mrs. Robert McCann, and Robert Landrum.



First Service In New Baptistry

Memorial Church, Richton had the first baptismal service in their new baptistry after it was dedicated on December 17, 1975. The pastor, Rev. Don Strickland, baptized four people, shown with him above. Left to right: Charles Gower, Mrs. Lois Gower, Bonesia Anderson, and Mrs. Christine Ladner. Pastor Strickland is on back row, center.

Devotional

Spiritual Time Zones

By Jerry J. Merriman, Associate,
Department of Student Work, MBCB

"What time is it?" is one of the most common questions asked in our nation daily. We know, of course, that there are four official time zones in our nation: when it is 5 p.m. in New York, it is 4 p.m. in Chicago, 3 p.m. in Denver, and 2 p.m. in San Francisco. Therefore, we must know from what time zone the questioner is speaking before we can answer correctly his inquiry, "What time is it?"



In the matter of spiritual conditions, also, there are some time zones. In this vastly important aspect of an individual's life, the answer to the question, "What time is it?", will depend upon two factors: 1) whether or not the individual is a Christian; 2) if he is a Christian, the condition of his relationship to Christ.

First, what time is it in the life of a person who has not yet accepted Christ as Saviour? The answer is both clear and urgent: it is time now for that individual to give his heart to Christ in faith, for only when a person has made this important decision can he hope to achieve the success and happiness that God wishes for his life.

Second, what time is it in the life of a person who is already a Christian and who desires to live the Christian life fully and joyously? Quite naturally, the answer is not the same for all Christians because of the great variation among Christians of individual rapport with Christ. Here are a few possible answers:

1) For some Christians, it is time to pause to take stock of their lives—to assess the liabilities and assets to continuing spiritual growth in their lives. Just as it is good business practice to make a regular inventory, it is intelligent spirituality for the Christian to do so, eliminating hindrances and incorporating or increasing aids to continuing spiritual growth.

2) For other Christians, it is time to seek God's will in regard to vocation or to accept God's will if that acceptance has not occurred... and to weigh all aspects of their lives in the light of total commitment.

3) For still other Christians it is time to come back to a closer walk with Jesus in daily living. Just as good physical health and growth depend upon intelligent harmony with health principles, so do vibrant spiritual health and growth depend upon a close daily walk with Christ.

4) For some other Christians, it is time to dedicate God-given talents to fuller use in Christian service, particularly in the life of the church. We need to remember that the church is the bride of Christ, and an important way in which we can prove our love for Him is through loving, dedicated service to His bride, the church.

To the talented person, remember that every talent in your life is a gift from God. Though you may have added much to those talents through study and practice, the basic abilities came from God. Using them in your church will be a meaningful "Thank you" to God.

To the person of limited talents: remember Christ's attitude toward the little boy's loaves and fishes, the widow's mite, the basin and towel. He waits to turn your talents into glorious meaning, also.

5) It is time for many, many Christians to begin to tell their non-Christian friends about Jesus. If you've let Christ do in your life what He wants to do, you have much to tell. Why not begin the telling now?

WHAT TIME IS IT IN YOUR LIFE?

As so my fellow Americans: Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.—John Fitzgerald Kennedy

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — The first encounter of evangelical leaders of Latin America was held here recently. Present were 88 evangelical workers.

Names In The News

Mrs. Guy (Lois) Henderson will be guest speaker for the annual prayer retreat in Mississippi Association at Mt. Olive Church, Amite County, on February 17, according to the associational Baptist Women's director, Mrs. Marguerite White. The Hendersons are missionaries on furlough from the Philippines.

Russell Fox will enter the field of full time evangelism upon graduation from New Orleans Seminary in May of 1976. Fox recounts that his



conversion experience came while he was vice president of an Alabama metal processing firm. Since that time he has served as lay preacher and is currently serving as pastor of New Zion Church, Liberty. Recently, Dallas evangelist Charles Massee began work with Fox predecessor to Mr. Fox's call as crusade Director and Associate evangelist of the Massague Evangelistic Association. Fox may currently be contacted for revival dates and other engagements by writing him at 4544-D Seminary Place, New Orleans, Louisiana 70126 (or CALL: 1-504-283-7678).

Judge James D. Hester of Laurel has been named as a new trustee for William Carey College. Presently serving as circuit Judge of the 18th Circuit Court District of Mississippi, Judge Hester is also an outstanding



Baptist layman, active in First Church, Laurel.

Dr. C. L. Culpepper, retired missionary to China and Taiwan, has been named Visiting Professor during the third quarter of the 1975-76 school term, at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis. Dr. and Mrs. Culpepper served as missionaries in China from 1923 until the Communist take over, and then served in Hong Kong, and then in Taiwan. They retired in 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Littles, former Mississippians, missionaries to Taiwan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 427, Taipei 100, Taiwan, Republic of China).

Rev. O. E. Thompson, former pastor of Friendship (Pike) and Petal Harvey (Lebanon), with a total of 19



years pastoral experience, has entered full time evangelism. Residing on the west bank in New Orleans, with membership in Calvary Church, Evangelist Thompson can be reached, for any type evangelistic service, at the following address and telephone number: 4821 General Meyer Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70114, (Phone 504-382-9395).

Betty Hart, missionary to Chile, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Casilla 197, Antofagasta, Chile). She was born in New Orleans, La., and grew up in Sandy Hook, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Roeten, missionaries to Uruguay, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Jose Enrique Rodo 585, Florida, Uruguay). A Mississippian, he was born in Tupelo and grew up in Houlika.

John E. Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Foster, missionaries to the Philippines, married Nancy Poe Dec. 5, 1975 in Sebastopol.

Debbie Randle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Audie Randle of Blue Springs, placed second



in the annual Miss Mississippi Universe pageant held in Tupelo. Miss Randle is a freshman music major at Blue Mountain College.

Dale Oden has resigned as minister of education at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, (Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor) after having served there for five and one-half years. On February 8 he will



begin as minister of education in the Temple Church, Ruston, Louisiana. At Temple, he will be working with two other former Mississippians, Rev. Robert Magee, pastor, and Hary Thompson, minister of music. Mr. Oden, a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, formerly was minister of education at First, Pica-yune and at Highland, Laurel. He is married to the former Sadel Patten. They have one daughter, Angela.

Pike County Schedules World Missions Conference

A world missions conference, which will include 27 missionaries from America and around the world, is scheduled for Pike County, Sunday through Friday, February 15-20.

A total of 27 Baptist churches of Pike County Baptist Association will be involved in this special missions emphasis. Each church will have seven different missionaries speak at services scheduled Sunday morning and evening and each evening Monday through Friday during the conference.

A "Kick-Off Rally" is planned for Saturday, February 14 at 7 p.m. at Central Church, McComb. This rally will give visitors opportunity to meet all twenty-seven of these missionaries in person. This special meeting, prior to the conference, will feature Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Any civic organization, school or other organization in the McComb — Pike County area that would like to have a missionary to speak to their club or organization should contact Rev. Glen T. Williams at the Pike Baptist Association Center at 684-9920.

The Baptist churches participating in the conference are: Bala Chitto, Bluff Springs, Bogue Chitto (Carter's Creek), Calvary of Pricedale, Central, East McComb

Fellowship, Friendship, Holmesville, Immanuel and Johnston's Station.

Also Locust Street, First Magnolia, First McComb, Mount Zion, Navilla, North McComb, Oyska, Progress, Silver Creek, Silver Springs, South McComb, First Summit, Tangipahoa, Terry's Creek, Union and West McComb.

Annuity Trustees To Meet In Dallas

The executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission will be one of two main speakers during the 1976 meeting of trustees of the SBC Annuity Board.

Annuity Board trustees will meet February 24 in Dallas, where home offices of the agency are located.

During the 3-day trustee session, the long-range study committee will report. The committee has been reviewing the retirement and insurance plans the Board offers to pastors, church workers, and employees of denominational agencies.

Trustees from Mississippi on the Annuity Board are Claude Anthony, Jackson, and William A. Crabli, Marks.



The building committee members above, were, 1 to r: Mrs. Thirteen Stephens and Mrs. Mary Nell Hathorn (front row) and Larue Magee, Kenna Williamson, and Dewey Dyess, chairman (second row).

Society Hill Dedicates New Building

Society Hill (Jeff Davis) held dedication services and open house December 7 for their new education building and remodeled existing education space. Dr. James McLemore, pastor, 38th Avenue, Hattiesburg, and former pastor at Society Hill, brought the dedication message. Rev. L. B. Atchison, county director of missions, was also on program.

The building has a large fellowship hall, five classrooms, kitchen, storage area, and restrooms. A patio area joins the building to the church.

In recent months the church has also acquired a P.A. system, new pew cushions, new Baptist Hymnals, as well as a new pastor's study completely furnished — all made possible through special gifts from various

February BH Topics

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, "Baptist Hour" speaker, continues the theme "One Nation, Under God" as the syndicated radio show moves into the second month of the nation's Bicentennial.

"The character, direction and destiny of his nation will not be determined by a few people in the places of power, but by the so-called little people in multitudes doing that which is right in the eyes of God — morally, spiritually, and economically," Hobbs declares.

He cautions against total reliance on military alliances in the February 8 sermon, "Quicksand or Solid Rock." The warning against the occult comes February 15 in "Siren Singers Sing Sinister Songs."

The demands of Christian citizenship are explored February 22 in a sermon titled "Is It Better To Be Red Than Dead?"

"An American is a free person," Hobbs defines in the February 29 sermon. "But we should remember that freedom is a responsibility as well as a privilege. If we fail to assume the responsibility, we endanger the privilege."

members. "The members are to be commended for their generous spirit, cooperation and dedication," says Rev. Tom McCurley, pastor.



First, Florence Calls Pastor

Rev. Bob Hutcherson came to First, Florence as pastor, from Dothan, Alabama, where he had been assistant pastor to another native Mississippian, Dr. Robert Marsh. A native of Meridian, he is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. Hutcherson has previously held pastorates in Mississippi and Texas. Also he has served as minister of education and youth at First, Pearl, and as director of the camping program at Lake Forest Ranch, Macon.

He is married to the former Carolyn Melton of Clinton and they have two children: Kim, 7 and Kristi, 4.

NEW YORK (RNS)—A major investment corporation has agreed to stop advising clients touring the Middle East to provide certification that they are Christians.

Off The Record

We had been learning about the problems in Chinese missions in GA's all month and tonight had stressed that millions were starving. When we got home our eight-year-old got two plastic drinking straws and tried to eat like the Chinese. After pushing her food around for a while, she gave up and got her fork. "Now I know why they're starving!" she said. — Mrs. John Ladner, Poplarville.

A young girl was all praises for her first aid training. "I'm so grateful," she said, "last night there was a horrible accident in front of our house. An old man was knocked down by a car and was hurt badly and bleeding all over. That's when my first aid training came in handy. I remembered to put my head between my knees to keep from fainting."

First wife: "Gee, Myrtle, the bank returned my check."

Second wife: "Are you ever lucky. What are you going to buy with it next time?"

"There'll be no charge, lady," said the irate taxi driver to his fare. "You did the driving."

After 50 Years, Repeat Vows

Recently Oakland Church, Walnut, shared in the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Martindale. Following the worship service, the congregation witnessed the repeating of vows as Mr. and Mrs. Martindale restated their love, devotion and fidelity to each other. "In the so-called 'Age of Aquarius' this was a very encouraging and reassuring experience for all of us," states the pastor, Rev. Tommy Goode.

"Their advice to those of less experience in the marital relationship is, 'When problems arise don't give up. Just keep on trying and things will work out.' Thank the Lord for these and others who find marriage the best thing going."



Mr. and Mrs. Martindale



Plainway Completes Family Life Building

Plainway Church of Laurel has completed a new family-life building which includes kitchen, fellowship hall, game room, restrooms, and gymnasium that provides for basketball, volleyball, shuffleboard and skating. Other improvements to the church property include a new study for the pastor, church office, and paved parking lot. Building committee, left to right: Norman Sullivan, Paul Sumrall, Harold Reeves, Rev. Harold C. Ishee, pastor, Sylvester Smith, chairman, Mrs. Kathleen Wiley, Ralph Harper, Ed Smith, and (not pictured) Charles Roy Parker and David Herring, contractor.



Bethlehem Holds Dot Latham Day

December 21 was "Dot Latham Day" at Bethlehem Church, Scott County. Miss Latham returned to her home at Forkville July 8 to begin her furlough from Manaus, Amazonas, in Brazil where she has been under appointment for 16 years. Bethlehem, her home church, set aside this day to honor Miss Latham. Dinner was served at the church and Miss Latham was presented a money tree. The pastor, Rev. James Edwards, states, "Members of Bethlehem are proud to have the opportunity to share in the life and ministry of Dorothy Latham."

